

1       A RESOLUTION recognizing February 22, 2017, as Disability Awareness Day.

2       WHEREAS, more than 874,000 Kentuckians have a disability that impairs their  
3       ability to work or to carry out tasks of daily living; and

4       WHEREAS, all barriers to services, whether they are physical, regulatory, financial,  
5       or attitudinal, should be eliminated; and

6       WHEREAS, an individual with a disability and his or her circle of support should  
7       be well-informed in order to exercise the freedom to make choices and direct care; and

8       WHEREAS, the individual should be given the education and opportunity to gain  
9       and maintain employment and become a taxpaying citizen; and

10       WHEREAS, each person, including educational, medical, and judicial systems  
11       personnel, should be educated about disabilities; and

12       WHEREAS, a person with a disability matters and should be afforded the  
13       opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

14       NOW, THEREFORE,

15       *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
16       *Kentucky:*

17       ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby recognize February 22, 2017, as Disabilities  
18       Awareness Day to promote an increased awareness of disabilities and a reduction of the  
19       stigma often associated with them.

20       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
21       Resolution to Sheila Schuster, Advocacy Action Network: Mental Health and Healthcare  
22       Advocacy, 120 Sears Avenue, Suite 212, Louisville, Kentucky 40207.